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SUBJECT: FUNDING AND STAFFING OF REFUGEE SECTION, EMBASSY BANGKOK

REF: (A) STATE 36909 (B) BANGKOK 3741

(C) STATE 005403 (D) BANGKOK 3437

1. JANUARY MONTHLY LAO EXPENDITURE REPORT ALREADY SUBMITTED
IN REF (D).

2. PER PARA 2 REFTEL (A) WE BELIEVE THAT 50 PERCENT OF OFFICE RENT
IS PROBABLY TOO HIGH TO BUDGET UNDER THE LAO PROGRAM
AND THAT 25 PERCENT WOULD REPRESENT A MORE ACCURATE ASSESSMENT
BASED ON BANGKOK CASELOAD.

3. STAFFING PATTERN OF TEMPORARY HIRE EMPLOYEES: PER
REFTEL (B) WHICH CONTAINS AN INVENTORY OF TEMPORARY STAFF
POSITIONS, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE BROKEN OUT FOR THE
LAO PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY:

A. ONE LAO STAFF OFFICER TO BE TEMPORARY HIRE. LAO
SPEAKING AMERICAN TO BE LOCALLY HIRED. SEE REF B FOR DETAILS.

B. IN VIEW OF TIGHTNESS OF LAO BUDGET, SUGGEST
THAT CLERICAL EMPLOYEES WHO WILL BE WORKING PART TIME ON
LAO PAROLE CASES COULD BE CHARGED TO KHMER
SECTION (I.E. VICAM FUNDS).

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C. NO ADDITIONAL BANGKOK TEMPORARY HIRE PERSONNEL

ARE PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED FOR THE LAO PROGRAM ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IN THE FUTURE WE MAY HAVE TO REQUEST ONE ADDITIONAL SLOT FOR BOTH BANGKOK AND UDORN. FOR TIME BEING, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THIS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY.

4. AS PER REQUEST PARA 5 REF (A) WE WILL ENSURE THAT NO OVERTIME OR COMPENSATORY TIME WILL BE RECORDED FOR OFFICERS BEYOND FEB. 14. HOWEVER, WILL REQUIRE OVERTIME/COMPTIME FOR ADMINISTRATIVE/CLERICAL PERSONNEL TO PERMIT OFFICE TO FUNCTION ON A SEVEN DAY PER WEEK BASIS. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. RE PARA 6 REFTTEL (A) , PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTTEL, WE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH ICEM THE NEED FOR ICEM TO FULLY HANDLE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. THERE WILL STILL BE A NEED FOR AT LEAST ONE TRAVEL OFFICER IN THE REFUGEE SECTION FOR LIAISON PURPOSES. HOWEVER, SINCE IN THE EVENT OF EXPANDED PAROLE, TRAVEL WILL BE FOR REFUGEES OF ALL ETHNIC GROUPS, BELIEVE THAT THIS SALARY COULD BE CHARGED TO THE VICAM BUDGET. AS INDICATED REF (B) WE CAN LOCAL HIRE OR OBTAIN FROM IRC.

6. REFTTEL (B) PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DATA ON STAFFING OF REFUGEE SECTION.
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